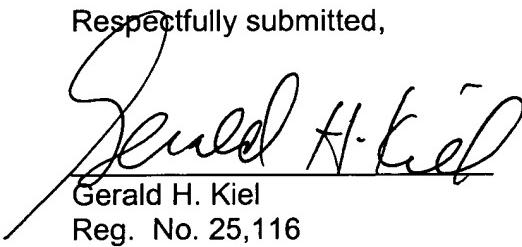


REMARKS

Applicants elect Species 1 as illustrated in Figure 1 (Claims 1-25, 32-36, 38, 39, 50 and 51). Claims 1-25, 32-36, 38, and 39 are directed towards a polarization dependent device suitable for effecting at least one polarization of a broadband portion of electromagnetic radiation incident upon the device. It should be noted that Species 2 and 3 are directed to Figures 4, 5, and 6 respectively. Figure 4 illustrates a dielectric layer which is provided in claims 26-31, 37. Figures 5 and 6 illustrate an anti-reflection coating and an intermediate dielectric layer which is provided in claims 40-49 and 52-55. Thus, Applicants request that claims 26-31, 37, 40-49 and 52-55 not be restricted, since there would be no additional burden for examining all the claims (i.e. additional searching). Thus, Applicants request the withdrawal of the restriction of claims 1-55.

In view of the restriction requirement, Applicants elects Species 1 as illustrated in Figure 1. Species 1 is directed to claims 1-25, 32-36, 38, 39, 50 and 51. In view of this election, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

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